

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2013
6:30 PM**

Council President Stylianou called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

Flag Salute, Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to ***The Record*** and the ***Ridgewood News***, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Mayor Kelly-absent

Motion to Accept Agenda as presented: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Council president Stylianou explained that the public hearing on the 2013 Municipal Budget will be held at tonight's meeting. The Finance Committee, headed by Councilman Brophy, is present. Also present is our Borough Auditor, Gary Vinci.

Councilman Brophy summarized that the budget started out at \$211 per average \$307,000 home. Some appraisals came in and increased the amount to \$218. That is the number used for introduction of the budget. Three rounds of cuts amounted to approximately \$723,000. The committee applied \$1.7 million of surplus to the budget. The result is approximately \$65 per average home. Appropriations were reduced in just about every category.

Mr. Vinci added that the appropriation is within both the appropriation cap and the tax levy cap. The Borough also has a cap bank that is available under both for the next year. He explained that the budget has two caps-one on spending, up to 3½% each year. The difference between the maximum and what you actually use, you are allowed to bank on the spending side. The Borough has a cap bank of about \$225,000 on the spending side. In addition, there is a tax levy cap in which the Borough is permitted to increase the previous year's levy by 2% with allowable modifications. Spending is relatively flat; the revenue sources available in 2012 are no longer available.

Mr. Perkins remarked that this is the earliest the budget has been ready. He thanked the Finance Committee, auditor and CFO for the many hours they dedicated to the budget process.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked:

Was the budget intended to be passed as introduced? Were there any personnel reductions?

How is the surplus anticipated to be less in 2013 and what has changed?

Library appropriation

Sale of cell tower

General administration, financial administration, tax assessment administration, revenue administration, fire company, life hazard use fees-other expenses and the Reserves

Public Works functions-which includes the overtime? Is less overtime forecast next year?

Why is unemployment insurance lower in 2013? Is there a fixed, mandated amount for Employee Group Health insurance?

Garbage and trash removal amount

Recycling salaries and wages

Sewer System other expenses

Shade Tree other expenses-isn't there a shared service?

Municipal Court and Public Defender Salaries and Wages

Code Enforcement-don't they generate money for the town? Wouldn't the backlog be reduced? Why would they need overtime?

LOSAP-is this a carryover?

Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements-does shared services go here?

Does this apply to additional appropriations? He asked the auditor for an applicable example.

Capital Budget-acquisition of vehicles-why isn't this detailed?

He asked that the list of capital projects be made available as soon as possible.

Motion to close public hearing of the budget: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#13-90 Approval of Amendment to the 2013 Municipal Budget *

Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Zamechansky, Stylianou-yes

Non-Consent Agenda

#13-89 Approval of Emergency Appropriation for Acquisition of DPW Vehicle- Councilman Carrick made a motion that this resolution be moved to non-consent.

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor

Mr. Perkins explained that although this, the DPW superintendent's truck, was an item on the Capital list, it is in bad shape and not safe.

Motion to open: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Zamechansky, Stylianou-yes

Administrator's Report

The Department Head meeting is scheduled for Thursday morning.

The West Shore project pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Thursday.

The DPW Generator pre-construction meeting is also scheduled for Thursday.

Plans for Depew Street Improvements have been approved by the State. Remington Vernick will be handling the project.

April 21st at 10AM there will be a helicopter landing drill at Memorial Park. First responders, State police and Hackensack Medical Center will be involved. Residents will be notified.

The next shredding program is scheduled for May 4th at Borough Hall. The Borough receives money for tonnage. The notice has been put in the TwinBoro News.

The Library and Governing Body have requested banners. Mr. Perkins would like to know what colors.

Mr. Perkins would like to meet with the Shared Services Committee.

The pipes still on Larch Avenue will be removed Thursday. Anything else curbside will be removed. Baseline paving will be done by next week.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Brophy

Shade Tree Commission

Arbor Day will take place April 27th at the arboretum on West Shore Avenue. Artwork will be recognized and there will be a special guest present.

- Councilman Carrick

No report

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

No report

- Councilman Riquelme

No report

- Councilman Hayes

Jt. Land Use Board

Two variances were approved-one for the PSE&G substation and the other a house on Erie

- Councilman Stylianou

Board of Education

He attended the last meeting at which they presented their budget. Their budget came in at \$116. Condolences to the family of one of the custodians at Honiss School, who passed away.

Borough Attorney's Report

His office has been dealing with an issue the Building Department has with a resident's complaint pertaining to a private gas appliance installation. There have been numerous inspections performed by the Borough and does not appear to be a Borough issue.

Mr. Paster has been interfacing with the Mayor's office and Police Committee on process and procedure regarding the police chief promotion.

Mr. Paster reviewed the RFQ received for the Rent Leveling Board attorney position. He was asked if there was a conflict of interest since the attorney serves on the Joint Land Use Board also. He found no conflict.

Councilman Hayes asked if Birdsall could be removed from our Special Projects Engineer list since members of the firm have been indicted. No agreement, however, has been signed with them.

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

1. Cary Stopsky, 48 E. Quackenbush, in reference to the brook project. Is the Madison Avenue culvert to be cleaned? Mr. Perkins responded that DEP looked at it and the permit process is very involved so right now it is on hold. Mr. Stopsky asked if there are any updates on the clicking on his road. Mr. Perkins said that the engineer from Remington will look at it. Mr. Stopsky asked if Phase III is canceled. Will something be done with the senior center and cement by his sewer to help with the flooding of his garage and the bocce ball court at the Senior Center? He also asked for a timeframe as to when his driveway would be fixed as part of Phase II project. Mr. Perkins will have T&M address the issue with the driveway. He stated that the design and permit phase for Phase III has been completed but it is on hold. Mr. Stopsky commented that everyone is doing a great job and he appreciates it.
2. MaryAnn Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, asked when her flooding project will restart. The site T&M wanted to put the catch basin there was a garage and they were afraid it would collapse. It actually did collapse during Hurricane Sandy. Ms. Russini will email the Mayor to set up a meeting with her neighbor so they could get back on track. Easements were involved with T&M's plans. Ms. Russini said that the Building Department told her letters were sent to her neighbor who built up his property and caused more of a problem for her property but told her he never received them.

Councilwoman Zamechansky asked the administrator his thoughts on this project. Mr. Perkins responded that he has a problem spending tax dollars in rear yards of private properties unless it's something the Borough created. This would set a bad precedent. He, however, would do whatever the Governing Body wishes. He added that there have been comments made that neighbors built up their yards, which might have contributed to the flooding.

Motion to close: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Motion to recess prior to closed session: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss Personnel-Police

Motion: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes (absent for roll call), Riquelme, Zamechansky, Stylianou-yes

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk